

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims:**

Applicant submits this listing of proposed claims for replacing all prior versions and listings of claims in the application upon consideration and acceptance by the Examiner.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A container comprising:
  - an open top,
  - a closed bottom having an aperture located about a central portion thereof,
  - a wall extending between the open top and closed bottom,
  - a flexible tube connected with the aperture,
  - a rim having a sidewall that extends below the closed bottom and terminates in a lower edge for contacting a surface when the container is set upright on the surface,
  - a securing member for securing the tube with the wall,
  - an opening extending radially through the sidewall and defined by a portion of the lower edge, the opening being adapted and arranged for receiving the tube and allowing the container to rest upright on a ~~the~~ surface when the tube is secured with the securing member and for removing the tube from the opening by at least one of bending and straightening the tube, and
  - a fluid flow preventing member for preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube,
  - wherein the container is adapted and arranged for evacuating a fluid therefrom by gravity through the tube and conventionally through the open top.

2. (Original) The container according to claim 1 further comprising a handle connected with the wall.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).
5. (Amended). The container according to claim 1 wherein the securing member is selected from the group consisting of a clasp, a clip, an adhesive, a loop and a hook.
6. (Amended) The container according to claim 1 wherein the fluid flow preventing member includes a plug.
7. (Amended) The container according to claim 6 wherein the fluid flow preventing member is connected with the wall.
8. (Amended) The container according to claim 1 wherein the securing member and the fluid flow preventing member comprise a single member.
9. (Amended) The container according to claim 1 wherein the closed bottom is slanted toward the opening.
10. (Amended) The container according to claim 8 wherein the single member is a clasp.
11. (Currently amended) A drinking vessel comprising,  
  
an open top, a closed bottom and a wall,

a hole through a central portion of the closed bottom,

a tube connected with the hole,

a sidewall extending below the closed bottom and terminating in a lower edge for contacting a surface when the drinking vessel is set upright on the surface,

a securing member for securing the tube with the wall,

an opening extending radially through the sidewall and defined by a portion of the lower edge, the opening being adapted and arranged for receiving the tube and allowing the drinking vessel to rest upright on ~~a~~ the surface when the tube is secured with the securing member, and for removing the tube from the opening by at least one of bending and straightening the tube, and

a fluid flow preventing member for preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube,

wherein the drinking vessel is adapted and arranged for evacuating a fluid therefrom by gravity through the tube and conventionally through the open top.

12. (Original) The drinking vessel according to claim 11 further comprising a handle connected with the wall.

13. (Amended) The drinking vessel according to claim 11 wherein the closed bottom is slanted toward the hole.

14. (Canceled).

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15. (Canceled).

16. (Amended) The drinking vessel according to claim 13 wherein the fluid flow preventing member includes a clamp or a plug.

17. (Amended) The drinking vessel according to claim 13 wherein the securing member is selected from the group consisting of a clasp, a clip, an adhesive, a loop and a hook.

18. (Amended) The container according to claim 16 wherein the securing member and the fluid flow preventing member comprise a single member.

19. (Currently amended) A cup comprising,

an open top and a closed bottom,

a hole through a central portion of the closed bottom,

a flexible tube connected with the hole,

a rim having a sidewall that extends below the closed bottom and terminates in a lower edge for contacting a surface when the cup is set upright on the surface,

a securing member for securing the tube with the cup,

an opening extending radially through the sidewall and defined by a portion of the lower edge, the opening being adapted and arranged for receiving the tube and allowing the cup to rest upright on ~~a~~ the surface when the tube is secured with the securing

member and for removing the tube from the opening by at least one of bending and straightening the tube, and

a fluid flow preventing member for preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube,

wherein the cup is adapted and arranged for evacuating a fluid therefrom by gravity through the tube and conventionally through the open top.

20. (Amended) The cup according to claim 19 further comprising an inflexible substantially L-shaped conduit in fluid communication with the hole wherein the tube is attached to a free end of the L-shaped conduit.

21. (Amended) The cup according to claim 19 wherein the closed bottom slants toward the hole.

22. (Amended) The cup according to claim 21 wherein the securing member and the fluid flow preventing member comprise a single member.

23. (Canceled).